

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 25-27. Please amend claims 2-6, 8-11, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 23. Please add new claims 29-31. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
3. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.
4. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable polymer resin is an aliphatic polyester.
5. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable polymer resin is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone resin, polybutylene succinate resin, poly(butylene succinate-adipate) resin, polylactic acid resin, a terpolymer of terephthalic acid resin, adipic acid resin, and 1,4-butanediol resin, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the etched water soluble polymer resin is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide resin, polyethylene glycol resin, polyvinyl alcohol resin, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.

9. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer resin by weight of the biodegradable film.

12.-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the biodegradable film has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.

15.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the product is a diaper, training pant, feminine pad, panty liner, incontinence product, wound dressing or delivery system.

18. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the product is disposable.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the precursor film has an elongation at break of about 350% or greater.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the stretched precursor film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.

23. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 29, wherein the water soluble polymer resin is polyethylene oxide resin, polyethylene glycol resin, or a copolymer thereof.

24.-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A personal care product comprising an outer cover layer, a liquid permeable liner layer, and an absorbent body between the outer cover layer and the liner layer,

wherein the liner layer is bonded to the outer cover layer and to the absorbent body, the outer cover layer comprising a stretched blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer resin and a water soluble polymer resin, wherein the outer cover layer is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length while in contact with an aqueous solution; and

wherein the outer cover layer comprises from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the outer cover layer.

29. (New) A personal care product, comprising:

a biodegradable film comprising,

a stretched precursor film comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer resin and an etched water soluble polymer resin,

wherein the stretched precursor film has a stretched length of about 100% to about 500% of its original length.

30. (New) The personal care product of claim 1, wherein the stretched precursor film has a stretched length of about 100% to about 300% of its original length.

31. (New) The personal care product of claim 1, wherein the stretched precursor film is stretched while in contact with an aqueous solution.